



## DanceBlue Raises \$1,436,606.24

With sore feet, worn-out bodies and emotions running high, committee members revealed a grand fundraising total of \$1,436,606.24 at the ninth annual DanceBlue dance marathon to a crowd of several thousand people.

It all began in 2006 by raising \$123,323.16 and has increased every year. With this year's total, DanceBlue has contributed more than \$6.5 million dollars to the Golden Matrix Fund and the DanceBlue Kentucky Children's Hospital Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic.

More than 800 dancers completed DanceBlue. All of the money raised at this annual 24-hour no-sitting, no-sleeping dance marathon benefits children with cancer and their families and cancer research.

## UK Welcomes Largest-Ever National Conference on Undergraduate Research

Warm weather was not the only thing Spring brought to the Bluegrass. During the first week in April, the University of Kentucky hosted the largest-ever National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR).

Nearly 4,000 students and faculty mentors from across the country (300 of them from UK) arrived at the University to present their research and creative endeavors through poster and oral presentations, as well as visual and performing arts performances. In addition to the presentations, NCUR also offered speaker events, a graduate and professional school fair, a career gallery and a concert.



## Frank X Walker Wins NAACP Image Award for Poetry

Kentucky Poet Laureate Frank X Walker recently won the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work in Poetry. Walker, founder of the Affrilachian Poets and an associate professor of English at the University of Kentucky, was recognized for his most recent book of poetry, "Turn Me Loose: The Unghosting of Medgar Evers."

The NAACP Image Awards program, now in its 45th year, celebrates the "accomplishments of people of color in the fields of television, music, literature and film and also honors individuals or groups who promote social justice through creative endeavors."





## Owensboro Health, UK College of Pharmacy Partner on Pharmacy Residency

Owensboro Health Regional Hospital and the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy have announced a new and unique partnership to create a new pharmacy residency program based in Owensboro.

Owensboro Health and the UK College of Pharmacy will be working together to offer the post-graduate year one (PGY1) residency program. The program represents the first such off-campus affiliation with the college.

Residents will participate in the college's nationally recognized Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Program and will be able to collaborate on research projects with UK College of Pharmacy faculty. The residents also will have the opportunity to teach and mentor fourth-year College of Pharmacy students participating in the Owensboro-Greater Daviess County Clinical Education Center, which is also based out of Owensboro Health Regional Hospital.

## Federal Grants Put Kentucky on Cutting Edge of Manufacturing Research

Lt. Governor Jerry Abramson joined University of Kentucky President Eli Capilouto and University of Louisville President James Ramsey to announce \$3.7 million in state funding and in-kind contributions to support a comprehensive federal initiative focused on enhancing advanced manufacturing nationwide and bringing more highly skilled jobs to the Commonwealth.



In February, President Obama announced the grants in support of the National Network of Manufacturing Innovation, a White House plan to help U.S. manufacturers employ leading-edge technology to become more competitive.

UK and UofL are both involved in the federal project, but will work with different groups of schools and manufacturers. UofL will focus on Digital Manufacturing and Design Innovation. UK was selected to participate in the American Lightweight Materials Manufacturing Innovation Institute (ALMMII), which will receive \$70 million in Department of Defense funding, with \$78 million in matching support from a public-private consortium.

ALMMII is charged with developing and deploying advanced lightweight materials manufacturing technologies, and implementing education and training programs to prepare the workforce. UK is one of nine universities that have joined with 34 private companies and 17 other organizations in the public-private consortium.

